FRENCH NAVY'S WORST DISASTER

New Battleship Liberte Torn Assunder by ing that they might be the victims of racial riots, have returned. Explosion, Killing From 350 to 400 Men

FIRE REACHED POWDER MAGAZINES

to Save Themselves-Terrific Explosion Followed Sinking Boats in Which They Were Escaping-Three Other Battleships Damaged by Flying Debris.

A Herrible Spectacle.

When it shifted a horrible spectacle set the eyes of the people of Toulon,

When it shifted a horrible spectacle met the eyes of the people of Toulon, who, awakened by the first explosions, had hurried to the shore. The battered upper works of the battleship were protruding from formless wreckage, among which struggled the seamen of the rescuing boats which had been sunk by the flying debris or sucked down in the maelstrom.

Forty Bodies Taken Out.

oned under the shattered steel. The first body recovered was that of an officer, which was hauled from under

an awning with a boathook. Up to this evening forty bodies have been taken out, and 94 injured have been transferred to the hospital.

Men Heard Groaning and Screaming.

could be heard groaning and screaming for help which often the rescuers were

Feet Amoutated to Release Man.

The lower deck was an infernal sight. One man had his foot held down by a mass of steel weighing tons. After three hours' vain efforts to lift

Fire Reached Coal Bunkers.

"Just when the whole ship's crew seemed to have reached the boats in

safety there was a terrific explosion. The Liberte was hurled over on her side and the fore part where the full

force of the explosion was felt, lurched forward heavily with an appalling crash. Cries resounded on all sides.

The greater part of the ship's boats

caped from this frightful calamity I do not know. From that moment all I was conscious of was being aboard the Republique, where I was taken care of. When I had somewhat recovered my senses they told me what had happened.

Bugler Hurled to Republique.

"After the explosion an enoromus fragment detached from the bows of the Liberte and other pieces of iron fell on the Republique, smashing the

bridge and plunging between the decks. The bugler of the Liberte was hurled through the air from our ill fated ship

to the deck of the Republique, where he was picked up, badly hurt. In his hands he still held the bugle with

Petty Officer Leon, one of the sur-vivors who was taken aboard the Re-

"I was in my hammock and hearing the shouts got up in terror. I saw smoke and flames all around me and

Republique Severely Shaken. Commander de Kerauden of the Re-publique said that when the explosion occurred his vessel was shaken from

Strange Man With Revolver Seen in

South Norwalk, Conn., Sept. 25 .-

vine, who, it is alleged, caused the

death by shooting of Harry H. Maud-lin at Wilton last month, which for the past day or two had apparently hung fire, was stirred into renewed life by

der command of Deputy Sheriff Louis Laerigan and Constable Henry Stelzer,

left at once for Smithville, in an ef-fort to run the man down. A further report received here tonight, was that

a man said to answer the description of Sabino had been seen recently near

With the failure of the search of

previous days to locate the man, the belief had been gaining ground at Wil-ton that Sabino, assisted by friends, might have made his way out of the country and was now on his way to

lialy but the reports received tonight, it was pointed out, did not tend to strengthen that theory.

Woman Kills Her Husband.

Denver Col., Sept. 25.—Mrs. Ger-trude Patterson teday shot and killed her Imisband. Charles A. Patterson, a former Chicago broker. Two years ago Patterson sued Emil Strauss, a

wealthy Chicago clothing manufac-turer, charging alienation of Mrs. Pat-

Railway Clerks on Strike. Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 25.—Two hundred and fifty railway clerks went on strike in the local offices of the Illinois Central railroad here teday.

terson's affections.

Danbury.

MURDERER RESUMED

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had happened.

publique, said:

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HUNT FOR WILTON'S

the rescuers and the men from Liberte instantly sank. How I es-

unable to give.

thin Liberte was torn apart and totally destroyed by an explosion of her magazines today. Three hundred and fifty to four hundred officers and men were killed. The battleship Republique was badly damaged and the battleships Democratic and Verite suffered severely from the masses of twisted iron and same relate which were hundred. and armor plate which were hurled upon their decks.

French Navy's Werst Disaster. This is the greatest disaster that has ever fallen upon the French navy and in magnitude is almost without precedent in the annals of the world's fighting ships. The grief which prostrates the fleet and nation is made more intense by the memory of the recent review here, a notable display of France's naval greatness. In this the ill fated ship was one of the finest figures.

Explosion Caused by Fire.

The explosion which wiped out one of France's newest and most powerful battleships occurred at 5.53 o'clock in the morning. It was preceded by and was the result of an outbreak of fire. The flames spread rapidly despite all efforts to master them and reached the magazines before there was time to flood them. The magazines exploded with tremendous violence, spreading death and destruction in every direction.

Dead May Number 400.

While the naval authorities estimate the killed at 350 to 400, it is feared that this figure will be exceeded. It will be recessary to go through the ship's muster rolls, a task of some days, before a full list of the victims can be vicenared.

A number of men have already been extricated alive from the fantastically torn and twisted debris which was ence the Liberte, and the hope is strong that there are others within the broken hulls whe can be reached. A number of men have already been he broken hulk who can be reached.

Fire Smouldered Several Hours. Fire Smouldered Several Hours.
From what cause or when the fire broke out has not been definitely established, but it is believed it had smouldered several hours. Of the vessel's full complement of 742, Captain Jaures, brother of the socialist leader, and the second officer in command were both ashore on leave, as well as 146 efficers and men. The command of the ship devolved upon the senior lieutenant, who perished.

Fire Had Gained Headway. The fire was first discovered at 4 a.m., and the bugies immediately sounded the alarm. The crew rushed to equarters and desperately fought the spreading flames, but it was soon evident that the fire had gained headway. Signals of distress were flashed to the other ships and these despatched steam pinnaces and launches at full speed to assist in the work of extinguishing the flames and rescuing the men. But their efforts were of little avail.

Ordered to Save Themselves. The position of the fire made it im-asible to fload the magazines; never-cless, effects to do so were made. Finally the commanding officer, real-sing that the salp was doomed, ender-ed the bugler to sound the "Sauve Qui Peut" (Let bim save himself who can) their lives.

Five Explesions. At 8.36 educak occurred the first explosion. It was followed by three others at one minute intervals. Then came the final explosion, the terrific reverberation of which shattered the windows of the whole city and was heard for a radius of many miles. The Liberte was rent assunder, her bows were thrown high in the air, and then the vessel slewly settled. In 18 minutes nothing of her was visible but the top works.

Neighboring Battleship Damaged. These etill on deck were hurled sky-ward amid a shower of iron and steel The boats of the rescuers were sunk the follows samage was some to me the follows, which lay at anchor close by. Two of her decks were stove in and one of the Liberto's armer plates was hurled against her port side and demolished the cabin of an absent ensign. For a few minutes after the last explosion a heavy cloud of black amoke hevered over the harbor.

SMITH BOWLED OVER

BY A TROLLEY CAR Witness Testified to That Effect Before Corener's Jury at Darien.

Darien, Conn., Sept. 25,-Coroner Wilsen held an inquiry this afternoon | The hunt for Anthony Sabino, or Malinto the death of Bernard P. Smith of West Haven, which occurred at the Stamford scapital last night as a re-sult of injuries suffered yesterday aft-erneon on the post road between this place and Noroton. Smith's skull was a place and Norston. Smith's skull was fractured and at first it was thought that an automobile had caused the injury, but later the authorities came the epinlon that the wound was given by a trolley car. As a result of this cenclusion, H. B. Wilmott, motorman, and Alfred Berd, conductor, of a trolley car on the Norwalk line, which had passed ever the line about the time, it is believed, that Smith time, it is believed, that Smith hurt, were held as witnesses pendwas hurt, were held as witnesses pending the inquest. The inquest was behind closed doors, but it is understood that among these who testified was Rebert Young of Darien, who is said to have stated that he saw Smith sit dewn on the road near the trolley tracks, and the trolley car in charge of Wilmett and Berd hit the man and rolled him over.

Both the conductor and the motorman as well as several passengers.

man as well as soveral passengers who had been called as witnesses, are understood to have denied this. At the conclusion of the inquiry the cor-ener returned to Bridgeport. He did not indicate when the finding in the

\$30,000 Theft from Postoffice.

St. Louis, Sept. 25. That a register St. Louis, Sept 25.—That a registered package containing a bank shipment of between \$25,000 and \$30,000 in
currency was stolen from the postoffice here a year ago became public
for the first time today. Since the
theft Postmaster T. J. Akins and postoffice inspectors have worked zealously
to keep the theft a secret while trying
to least the thieves and their loot, as

Cabled Paragraphs

Kiev, Russia, Sept. 25.—Three thou-sand Jews who left the city following the assussination of M. Stolypin, fear-

Belfast, Ireland, Sept. 25.—A conference of unionist icaders was held today, when resolutions were adopted, declaring that the unionists would not acknowledge the authority of any home rule government.

Efforts to Flood Magazines Unavailing and Men Ordered

St. Petersburg, Sept. 25.—The Amerincan ambassador, Curtis Guild, who interrupted his vacation in order that he might attend the funeral of M. Stolypin, called on Premier Kokovsoff today, He will leave for Paris tomor-

Peking, China, Sept. 25 .- The Chinese government has refused the terms of a salary of \$50,000 and a single-year contract made by the Dutch banker, Vissering, who was proposed for the post of financial adviser to China, and has asked the United States to select another financial United States to select another finan-

FIRST TEST TODAY

OF DIRECT PRIMARIES. Massachusetts Has Several Contests to Be Settled in Caucus.

Boston, Sept. 25.—The direct prima-ry method of selecting candidates for the November election will be given its first test in Massachusetts tomorrow The work of rescue was quickly be-gun. An ambulance station was in-stalled in the arsenal, and Admiral Marin-Darbel, maritime prefect, went out to the wreck and superintended the work of extricating those impris-oned under the shattered steel. The are also a number of minor contests, so that the secretary of state has been obliged to place nearly ten thousand names on the official ticket, although names on the official ticket, although each voter will scan less than fifty.

The republican contestants for state offices are for governor, secretary of state and auditor. For the gubernatorial nomination there are three aspirants, Lieutenant Governor Louis M. Frothingham of Boston, Speaker Joseph Walker of the house, and Representative Norman H. White, both of Brookline. Those seeking the nomination for secretary of state are the present incumbent. A. P. Langtry of Springfield, who was chosen by the legislature last spring to fill an unexpired term, and Representative Russell A. Wood of Cambridge, who was Mr. Langtry's opponent in the legislative contest.

Electric shears, to cut through the plates of the Liberte, and a powerful floating crane, to lift the masses of steel, were used, while a crew of divers were exploring the interior of the hull. This afternoon the Liberte appeared as if her bows had doubled over on to the stern. Men buried in that part of the wreckage above the water could be heard groaning and screaming State Senator J. E. White of Tisbury,

State Senator J. E. White of Tisbury, who was also elected by this year's legislature to fill an unexpired term, is opposed by former Representative Herbert W. Burr of Boston.

The three contests on the democratic side are for governor, secretary of state and attorney general. Governor Eugene N. Foss of Boston, who desires a renomination, finds an opponent in Thomas L. Hisgen of Springfield, the presidential candidate of the Independence league three years ago. Edward O. Skelton and Frank J. Donahue, both of Boston, are the candidates for secretary of state, while for the nomination for attorney general the candidates are George W. Anderson and Joseph J. Leonard, both of Boston.

Voting will begin in this city at 6 a. m., but in many of the little towns the primaries will be held in the evening. Fire Reached Coal Bunkers.

One of the survivors, a warrant officer, who came out of the hurricane of fire with only a slight cut on the forehead, said tonight of the disaster:

The fire broke out in the general store, among cans of oil, turpentine and paint and other inflammables. In spite of every effort the flames reached the coal bunkers, and after that it was dimcult to prevent them gaining the powder magazine. It was about 5.30 o'clock, and dawn was breaking before the danger seemed to be realized. Assistance was then being sent to us from the port and three other warships lying in the harbor.

Boats of Rescuers Sank.

WICKERSHAM CONCEALS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION

Reply to Queries About Stee

New York, Sept. 25.—Attorney Gen-eral Wickersham made a statement tonight in response to many inquiries regarding the possible prosecution of the United States Steel corporation, in which he says:

"It has been the consistent policy of the department not to state in ad-vance of actual proceedings that action against any particular party was in contemplation. There are many reasons why this is the proper position to maintain. In the first place until investigation is complete, it is not known whether or not a case o violation of law exists; and, in the second place, the character of the proceedings cannot be determined until then, and if the facts shall require criminal proceedings to be resorted to ordinary prudence would demand that publicity be not given to that fact un-til indictments are found.

The purpose and duty of the de partment of justice with respect to the enforcement of the Sherman law against large combination, which are

a number of times by the president and the attorney general.
"It cannot be too positively stated that the department is not inaugurat-ing a campaign against the business interests of the country or an indiscrimipate attack on all large, pros-perous concerns. On the contrary, the care and caution with which the law officers of the government are pro-ceeding to the examination of each case should be a guaranty to the counthat the department is proposing to enforce the unnecessarily injure any interest.

ATTEMPT TO DYNAMITE

Fifty-four Sticks Found on Traveling Crane in Nick of Time.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 25,-The police are investigating what they believe to be a plot to dynamite the plant of the Cleveland Furnace company on Clarke avenue. Fifty-four sticks of dynamite were found on a traveling rane early today just in time to save the wrecking of the crane and proba-ble destruction of the plant. Two launches were seen on the river

near the furnace last night. Detec-tives are loking for the men.

Fred A. Lyon

Jackson, Mich., Sept. 25.—Fred A. Lyon, corporal in Company A. First Vermont cavalry in the civil war, was ound dead in a rooming house here to-Lyon possessed a silver medal voted him by congress and presented to him at the White House by Presi-dent Lincoln for his heroism at the battle of Cedar Creek, where he cap-tured Major General Ramseur of the Confederate army.

Judge Harry W. Doolittle. Branford. Conn., Sept. 25.—Harry W. Doolittle, former judge of the town court of Branford and prosecuting attorney, died today suddenly at Pine Carchard of heart trouble. He was taken ill last Saturday, but had for some time been a sufferer from heart affec-tion. He was born in Ansonia fortyone years ago, was graduated from Hopkins Grammar school and studied law at the Yale and Boston University law schools. He is survived by his

Butter Raised Half a Cent. Elgin, Ill., Sept. 25.—Canada's fail-

"Marriages Not Made in Heaven"

COUPLES ARE NEVER JOINED BY HAND OF GOD,"

SAYS A REVERE CLERGYMAN

Doubts if Ministers Should Perform Ceremonies, as They Are Not Authorized by Scriptures.

Boston, Sept. 25.—"Every Congregational minister felt a thrill of shame, I believe, when he realized that it was one of his own church who married Mr. Astor." declared Rev. Dr. Arthur Little of Dorchester, in opening late today a meeting of the Congregation, and Minister's association, called for tional Ministers' association called for the express purpose of discussing the subject. "What is the responsibility of subject. "What is the responsibility of Congregationalist ministers in performing the marriage cremony'

Uniform Divorce Law Urged. Boston, Sept. 25.—The direct primary method of selecting candidates for the November election will be given its first test in Massachusetts tomorrow bythe two leading parties. There are contests for three of the positions on the state ticket in each party. There are also a number of minor contests.

Rev. Israel Alsworth, pastor of Trinity church Revere, declared that he doubted if ministers should have the privilege of performing the marriage

Not Authorized by Scriptures. Nothing can be found in the scriptures authorizing the performance of the marriage ceremony by ministers of the gospel," he said, "and such being the case, I cannot see why we should unite people in marriage."

Marriages Not Made in Heaven. "Marriages," he continued, "are never made in heaven. Couples are never actually joined by the hand of God. But yet when we, as ministers, perform the marriage ceremony, we are wedding them as if by the hand of God. My conscience has troubled me many times in this question."

RUBBER STOCKING AND PETTICOAT WITH 25 POCKETS. by Which Chicago Jeweler and Wife Smuggled Diamonds.

York, Sept. 25 .- A rubber New 10rk, Sept. 23.—A Pubber stocking and a petticoat with 25 pockets in it are the means by which Rudolph Newman, a Chicago jeweler, and his wife are alleged to have tried to snuggle diamonds and other precious snuggle diamonds and other precious stones and jewelry into this country. The couple arrived on the steamship Nieuw Amsterdam of the Holland-American line, accompanied by two small children. When arraigned before United States Commissioner Russ, Newman Turnished \$2,000 bail. Mrs. Newman was paroled on her own cog-

nizance on account of her two chil-dren, who needed her care.

In the rubber stocking which New-man wore tied about the lower portion of his body the customs officials say they found a quantity of uncut dia-monds valued at about \$1.500, and in merous packages of small jewelry, including a number of garnets and other stones, said to be worth about \$5,000.

All the jewels were seized. According to Special Deputy Sur-veyor Smythe, Newman conducts 8 prosperous jewelry business in Chi-cago. The frequent trips he made to Europe had caused suspicion and the customs officials descended upon him and his wife as soon as they arrived.

ROCKVILLE TOWN HALL STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Rain Puts Out the Blaze After \$1,000 Damage Had Been Done.

Rockville, Conn., Sept. 25.—A heavy thunder storm visited Rockville late today, and considerable damage suited. The tower on the town was struck by lightning, a large part of the state roof torn off, and the str ture set on fire. As the hall is in center df the city the entire fire formed or exist in undue restraint of interstate commerce, or which are attempting monopoly, has been declared a number of times by the president laze in short order. The damage is blaze in short order. The damage is estimated at about \$1,000. At Vernon, William Johnson, a tele-

graph operator, was rendered uncon-scious by lightning while at work. He regained his senses soon afterwards and will recover.

Two Burned by Lightning

Watertown, Conn., Sept. 25.—During heavy thunder storm here late today house owned by Frank Judd was struck by lightning and damaged to the extent of about \$1,000. The occupants, Mrs. Robert Gilerist and Mrs. White, were struck unconscious bolt of lightning and severely by a bolt A CLEVELAND PLANT. burned. Both will recover, it is ex-

> Boston, Sept. 25.—All was not fish that came to the net of two North End fishermen today. When a mile off Boston light, the fishermer sighted a three year old deer swimming in the water. The men captured the animal, which was turned over to the police. Now the police do not know what to do with the deer and are consulting with the fish and game commission.

Mexico's Presidential Election. Mexico City, Sept. 25.—Mexico's presidential election will be held Oct. Petitions for postponement were rejected tonight by the senate and by the chamber of deputies. In both houses the majority against delaying the election was large, that in the chamber heims 148 tamber being 146.

Freighter Grounded in Fog. Vineyard Haven, Sept. 25.—The freight steamer H. M. Whitney, bound from Boston for New York, ran aground on Middle Ground shoal in Vineyard sound during a fog last night. After being stranded for eight or nine hours the steamer was floated by the tug Savage and proceeded uninjured. jured.

Heavy Rain in Massachusetts Eoston. Sept. 25.—An unusually heavy rain, accompanied by thunder and lightnin≼, fell upon eastern Massachusetts late today. In a little over an hour that the storm lasted one and five-hundredths inches of rain fell acparents, a brother and two sisters. He cording to weather bureau records, damage resulted from

downpour. Thief Steals Woman's Preserves. ure to ratify the reciprocity agreement was declared the chief reason for an increase of one-half a cent a pound on the price of butter on the Eigin board of trade today. The present quotation is 26 1-2 cents.

York, Pa., Sept. 25.—Mrs. Elmer C. Sprenkle of Wrightsville, this county, spent nearly all summer putting up about 75 jars of fruit. Friday night thieves broke into the cellar and carried away every issued.

Condensed Telegrams

The National Eucharistic Congress to begin in Cincinnati on Thursday,

The Administration Club of the United States has been formed to support the administration.

Eustace de Cordova, for 30 Years a well known figure in Wall street, died at his home in New York yesterday.

Progress Has Been Made by the army toward the completion of the fortifications of the Hawalian Islands. Edward Chapin, for 36 Years Secre-tary of the York Agricultural society and a prominent lawyer, died at York,

A Flood Caused by a Cloudburst at Chihuahua, Mexico, swept away a number of houses and drowned 20

John Dam, an Adirondack Hunter, of Belmont Center, N. Y., was mistaken for a deer and shot, but will survive his injury.

The Courts Are to Determine whether deposits in postal savings anks are subject to attachments or other legal processes

Mrs. Bonnie-Snow-Dickson-Sinshei-mer-Williamson-Clark-Engleman, al-though not yet 26 years of age, has taken a fifth husband.

The Postoffice Department Yesterday designated the New Britain, Conn., postoffice as a postal savings depository effective Oct. 28, The First British Naval Airship, that cost \$400,000, was wrecked at harrow in Furrow. It was too heavy to gy and broke in half.

Charles Gates Will Be Married Wednesday to Miss Florence Hopwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Hopwood, of Minneapolis.

Despondent Because of III Health Stephen E. Green, a prominent Wor-cester Grand Army man, committed suicide by turning on the gas.

Several Cities in Ecuador were shaken and buildings damaged by earth-cuakes, the disturbance being attrib-uted to the Tanguragua volcano.

A Towerman's Mistake Caused a freight train to crash into the Penn-sylvania flyer near Pittsburg, one man being killed and a number injured. The Profits of the State Fair at Hartford, Labor day week, aggregated \$12,000, notwithstanding the boycott of

the state grange. The Department of Commerce and labor has issued a short document en-titled Statistical Record of the Prog-ress of the United States, 1800-1911.

The Portland and Brunswick (Me. street railway property was sold at auction yesterday to Harry B. Ivers of Lewiston, the only bidder, for \$225,-

Ensign Charles E. Hozey, command-ing the little gunboat Tantanga, was killed by hostile natives Sunday at the Yacans Islands, which form part of the Philippine archipelago.

An Automobile Occupied and owned by Frederick King of Williamsport, Fa., ran over a 20-foot embankment, and he and several of his party were

Intense Suffering from Asthma is believed to have driven Charles Munce, a traveling eigarmaker, to commit suicide at a Bangor, Me., boarding house

Mrs. Phebe Sykes of Gray, Me., was killed yesterday when the wagon in which she was riding was struck by a Maine Central train at a crossing near Gray station

Twenty Manhole Covers Over Sewers blew up in New York yesterday with reports like the saluting guns of a man of war. The explosions were caused by sewer gas.

The Time is Not Far Away when mails from incoming trans-Atlantic liners will be transferred by aeroplane to the New York postoffice, in opinion or Postmaster General Hitchcock.

Bishop Fallows of the Reformed Episcopal church, in an address to the National Good Roads association in would increase church attendance.

The Act of the Indiana General Assembly of 1911 proposing a new state constitution to be voted on by the people was held to be unconstitutional and void by Judge Charles Remster of the circuit court.

Melvin Vanimaan Has About Gom arrangements at Atlantic City for his attempt to sail over the ocean in his big dirigible balloon, and 300,000 of the 400,000 cubic feet of gas has been pumped into the bag.

After Bringing His Invalid Wife in an ambulance from their home in Sa-lem, Mass., to the railroad station, William D. O'Neill was struck by a train while crossing the tracks to buy tickets for Lowell and was instantly killed

The Rodgers Aeroplane, which was wrecked Sunday at Reed House, N. Y., on the Cattaragus Indian reservation, is found to be so badly damaged that it will be impossible for Rodgers to take the air again before Thursday. and possibly later.

Four Persons Were Smothered to death early yesterday in a fire which, telieved to be incendiary, destroyed two small buildings at 1136 South Sangamon street, Chicago. The dead are Harry Egalovitch, his wife, their laby and L. Alpert, a boarder.

Steamship Arrivals. At Barcelona: Sept. 20, Buenos Ayres. from New York.
At Glasgow: Sept. 24, Columbia, from New York, At Christiansand:

Sept. 25, United States, from New York. At Plymouth: Sept. 25, Kronprinzess Cecilie, from New York., At Gibraltar: Sept. 25, Ultonia, from Trieste for New York.

At Bremen: Sept. 24, George Washington, from New York.

At Cherbourg: Sept. 25, Kronprinzessin Cecilie, from New York for Bre-New York.
At Fishguard: Sept. 24.,, Lusitania, from New York for Liverpool.

Forged Check and Eloped New York, Sept. 25 -Alma Krafft fined last week at Hartford, Conn.

for being with a married man with whom she had eloped from Ridgefield, N. J. was held for sentence today on confession of forging a check for \$152 drawn on her employers here. For Reciprocity With Some Country

New York, Sept. 25.—A movement for a reciprocal trade agreement with for a reciprocal trade agreement with other countries besides Canada will be started by the American Manufactur-ers' Export association, which met to-day for its second annual convention.

Easy Divorce Demoralizing

TAFT ADVOCATES UNIFORM LAW AS A REMEDY.

MAKE MARRIAGE SACRED TIE

President Accorded a Cordial Reception in 11 Kansas Towns-Special Trains Run to Accommodate Crowds.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 25.—President Taft arrived in Kansas City to-night to address the national conserration congress. He had spent a busy day in southern Kansas, making addresses in 11 of the prosperous towns which dot that section of the state, and was tired, but happy over the warmth of the reception which the progressive Kansans had given him.

Excursion Trains Brought Crowds. Everywhere the presidential train Everywhere the presidential train was scheduled to stop, and at other stations where there was only a pause, great crowds waved greetings to the chief executive and willingly braved a burning sun to listen to him. The crowds were the largest the president has faced during any of his travels. The population of some of the cities had heen swelled to twice the normal figures. Excursion trains were run from many directions, while farmers crove into town in automobiles and various other rigs.

Favors Reduction of Woolen Duties.

Favors Reduction of Woolen Duties. Mr. Taft confined himself largely to the vetoes of the woolen free list and cotton tariff bills. He gave his hearers to understand that he was neady and more than willing to sign any bills reducing the tariff if the measures were founded upon the report of the tariff board. This board, the president said, would be ready to report on the woolen schedule the first of December. "I believe the present woolen duties are too high," he exclaimed amid anplause, "and just as soon as I get adequate information I shall recommend their reduction."

Spoke on Marriage and Divorce. Spoke on Marriage and Divorce.

Mr. Taft began the day at Coffeyville and spoke also at Independence.
Cherryvale. Thayer, Chanufe. Humboldt, Iola, Garnett, Ottawa, Edgerton
and Olathe. Aside from his tariff
speeches, the president spoke briefly
on marriage and divorce, on the prosperit- of the people of Kansas and on
the trusts. Senator Curtis, Representative Campbell and ex-Representative
Charles H. Scott were with him
throughout the day.

A Boom for Scott.

A Boom for Scott. At Humboldt Mr. Scott introduced the president. When he had finished up from the crowd popped a large lacard which read:

"if you want all Kansas to smile, appoint Charles H. Scott as secretary of agriculture."

Mr. Scott, who was formerly chairman of the agricultural committee of the house, turned red, and the president laughed heartly. dent laughed heartfly.

Uniform Laws on Child Labor. In coming to a discussion of the necessity of uniform laws governing marriage and divorce, the preside first spoke of the equal necessity uniform laws on the subject of child labor and workmen's compensation. As to marriage and divorce, he said:

Divorce Increase a Reflection on Laws. "It is very awkward, to say the least, that a man who is married on one side of a state line may not be married on the other. The increase of civorces in this country is a reflection upon the laws and their loose adminis-tration. We ought not to permit the marriage tie to be dissolved at will.

Should Be Bound by Contract. "You say we ought not to keep un You say we ought not to keep ununhappy people together. Who brought them together? We did not. If they got together under a contract, why shouldn't they be bound to the contract, unless one or the other does something which in the eyes of all men ought to permit or require st least a separation, if not a divorce. A Question of Option.

The trouble is not that in an indi-vidual case demoralization follows bevidual case demoralization tollows because they are separated, but the trouble is when a man or woman feels it is only a question of option with her whether she still live with her husband, or he with his wife then, with that option before them, they with that option before them, conduct themselves in such a way frequently as necessarily to lead to

Easy Divorce That Demoralizes. "It is the ability to and the prospect of getting a divorce that demoralizes. We ought to have a general uniform law on the subject that stiffens up and makes sacred the marriage tie. I agree that it is not possible in this stage, and under present conditions, to make marriage absolutely indissoluble, but it is possible to make divorce dif-ficult so that it cannot be obtained by collusion and only when one party or the other shall have done something that all men regard as necessarily affecting the obligation of the marriage tie."

Two Days in Kansas. Following his address here tonight on conservation, the president left again for Kansas and will spend Tuesday and Wednesday in that state.

YOUTH COLLAPSES AFTER EATING SEVENTEEN BANANAS

Now Suffering from Poisoning of Stomach at Waterbury Hospital.

Waterbury, Conn., Sept. 25.—Edward Bolger, 18, is at St. Mary's hospital suffering from poisoning of the stom-ach because he ate 17 bananas Friday night. He did away with the bananas after his brother, Ray Belger, bet him he could not do the trick. The young man did not complain after his feat, but Saturday night collapsed while in the garden theater and had to be taken to the hospital. He will recov-

Hartford Girl Sent to Prison.

At Cherbourg: Sept. 25, Kronprindessin Cecilie, from New York for Brenen.

At Trieste: Sept. 24, Pannonia, from
New York.

At Fishguard: Sept. 24... Lusitania,
rom New York for Liverpool.

Hartford Girl Sent & Frison.

Morcester, Mass., Sept. 25.—An indefinite term in the women's prison,
Sherborn, was the sentence which
Judge Utley of the district court passed upon Miss Hope R. Flavel of Hartford today. Miss Flavel pleaded guilty
to the larceny of clothing from Worcester department stores. ester department stores.

> Leprosy Discovered After Death. Minneapolis, Sept. 25 .- After having minneapois, Sept. 23.—After having suffered from leptosy 12 years, during which he had unlimited opportunities to transmit the disease, Ludwig C. Dyregorov, a tailor, is dead at his home here. The nature of the malady

was discovered today. Presented Letters of Recall. Washington, Sept. 25.—Arthur M. Besupre presented his letters of recall today as American minister to Holland.